Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, America is the land of freedom, preserved and protected willing and freely by citizen soldiers; and,

Whereas, Millions have answered the call to arms and have died on the field of battle; and,

Whereas, A nation of peace must be reminded of the price of war and the debt owed to those who have died in war; and,

Whereas, The red poppy has been designated as a symbol of sacrifice of lives in all wars; and,

Whereas, The American Legion Auxiliary has pledged to remind America annually of this debt through the distribution of the memorial flower:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 25, 2007, as

POPPY DAY

in South Dakota, and I urge our citizens to pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by wearing the Memorial Poppy on this day.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State